

MWPA Business Meeting Minutes

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1. Meeting called to order at 1:01.

Joey Syzmanski, Eric Lancaster, Pete Hewitt, Jeff Hardy, Ron Marsh, Matt Latham, Michelle Brandon-Caie, Brain Semple, Dave McWatters, Will Hart, Larry Winkelman, Chris Goenhardt, Derek Zokoe, Luke Ortego, Krista McComas, Dave Vrugink, Mike Westgate, Doug Wilson, Adam Briggs, John Zeeb, Pat Clarin, J.R.Vanderwall, Justin Thoresen, Evan Koorhan, Peter Maher, Chris Sullivan, Scott Voltz, Jason Rykse, Jared Lane, Beth Klinger, Brad Silverman

2. All-State (Season)

First Team

Robert Spiegel (G) - SR (Dexter)
Tyler Augustine - SR (Rockford)
Jameson Tamblyn - SR (AAH)
Nick Mrdalj - SR (AAP)
Sam Hoekstra - SR (Grandville)
Sam Marsh - JR (Okemos)
Nathan Nemon - SR (AAH)

Second Team

Kevin Smith (G) - JR (AAP)
Robert Nichols - SR (AAP)
Nick Crosthwaite - JR (Groves)
Mike Mestdagh - SO (Groves)
Johnny Suttorp - JR (East Kentwood)
Noah Veach - JR (Grand Haven)
Josh Geschwendt - SR (Zeeland)

Honorable Mention

Nate Snuggerud - SR (Zeeland)
Jordan Sikkema - SR (Rockford)
John Gorine - SR (AAH)
Mike Wynalda - JR (Grandville)
David Hasegan - SO (AAH)
Kyle Anderson - JR (AAP)
Yeorgos Manikas - SR (AAP)

Player of the Year: Nathan Nemon (Ann Arbor Huron)

Co-Coach of the Year: Will Hart (Ann Arbor Pioneer) and Rick Mida (Groves)

3. Treasurer's Report (Brandenberg)

The current CD balance is \$4,682.87. The current checking account balance is \$2,875.67.

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The checking account balance is after payments for the district and regional tournaments. I am still waiting for a check from East Kentwood for the state tournament.

Payments for the officials for this fall totaled \$3569.94. This included mileage and hotel rooms when necessary.

4. Director of Official's Report

Mike Westgate updated us on the passing of Rick Edwards and his battle against pancreatic cancer. He informed everyone that there is a Rick Edwards scholarship fund if you wish to donate to the program through NISCA. Dave McWatters talked about Edwards 30-40 years dedicated to water polo and swimming. It was announced that there would be a moment of silence before the championship game.

5. MWPA Website Update

Coaches please send in all scores as soon as possible so that they can be updated to the website. Also, tournament directors send in all scores so that they can be posted.

6. Announcements

- New Teams – Walled Lake Girls
- All girls' cooperative team applications must be submitted to the board prior to the February business meeting.
- All girls' district alignments will be analyzed by the board prior to the February business meeting.

7. Proposal: Change the spring and August business meetings to conference calls held the first week of February and the first week of August respectively.

The conference call cost was estimated to be \$25 instead of an estimated \$250 for hosting at the hotel in Lansing. Will Hart seconds the proposal, passes unanimously.

8. Proposal: Add a deadline for the completion of district seeding games prior the district tournament.

There was great discussion about scheduling games far enough in advance to make it easier for District Tournament hosts to plan accordingly.

Proposal re-wording: All district seed games need to be completed by Tuesday before the district tournament and if not coaches need to seek board approval. Brad Silverman seconds the voted. Proposal passes unanimously.

9. Proposal: Move the boys' state tournament to the weekend before the girls' state swimming finals. The regional tournament will still fall two weeks prior to the state tournament, and the district tournaments will still be a week prior to regional tournaments.

Discussions centered around pool availability especially in the current year when the State Championships coincided with many of the girl's league meets thus cutting

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down on the availability of many top notch pools. Ron Marsh seconds the motion. Passes unanimously.

10. Proposal: Move to 8-minute quarters for varsity games, and 7-minute quarters for junior varsity games.

Brad Silverman talked about late nights for teams traveling long distances and getting back late with the added time increase. Doug Wilson talked about tournaments and how that would change weekend tournament formats. Pete Hewitt brought up the issue and questioned whether we are hurting the athletes by not preparing them for 8 minute quarters when the play varsity water polo.

11. Discussion: Scheduling of officials for district seeding games.

East Region coaches talked about the possibility of a scheduler. Krista McComas mentioned that we have not had an official's clinic in awhile and she knows of a few people that would be willing to attend. Mike Westgate said he is going to try to set one up soon.

12. 2009 Girls' Post-Season Sites

- Districts –
 - ER – Central/East – Saline
 - WR - East/West – Rockford
- Regionals –
 - East - Seaholm
 - West – Zeeland
- States – Jenison

13. Additional Items

Brad Silverman talked about in-season coaches disqualified from officiating district seed games. Brian Semple talked about coaches cannot officiate inter-district games. The board elected to table the discussion to the next business meeting.

Larry Winkleman addressed 25-yard width pools should be at 22 yards and that teams should be compliant with the rules.

Eric Lancaster discussed making sure post-season sites without adequate warm-up areas should provide at least 15 minutes of game pool warm-up between games and the Board can send out a reminder email to all participating teams reminding them of the situation.

14. Next meeting will be a conference call and the time to be emailed later to the coaches. Motion to end the meeting, Joe Syzmanski seconded the vote. Meeting adjourned.